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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. Further to paragraph 27 of my main report (S/1994/283), I wish to inform the Security Council that the estimated additional cost of strengthening the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) under options A and B would amount to $78,569,900 and $4,320,100, respectively.

2. Option A provides that the United Nations should proceed to hold the referendum regardless of the cooperation of either party. The process of identification and registration of all eligible voters would be completed on the basis of the compromise proposal of the Secretary-General, the terms of reference of the Identification Commission and the relevant provisions of the settlement plan. Under this option, the transitional period would commence on 1 August 1994, with a view to holding the referendum by the end of 1994. Paragraphs 24 (a) and (b) of the main report outline the proposed work of the Identification Commission and other main activities of MINURSO called for in the settlement plan.

3. Should the Security Council decide in favour of option B, the Identification Commission would continue its work during a prescribed period, which could end, for example, on 30 June 1994. Meanwhile, the United Nations would continue its efforts to obtain the cooperation of both parties on the basis of the compromise proposal of the Secretary-General. At the end of the prescribed period, the Security Council would review the progress achieved and, on the basis of that review, would decide on the next course of action for the fulfilment of the United Nations mandate for Western Sahara. During this period, it is expected that, in accordance with the timetable set forth in paragraph 24 (a) of the main report, the Identification Commission would have completed the analysis of all applications received and would have begun to identify and register potential voters, on the premise that these proceedings would be based on the compromise proposal of the Secretary-General, the terms of reference of the Identification Commission and the relevant provisions of the settlement plan.

4. Under option C, the Security Council would conclude that the cooperation of both parties in the completion of the registration and identification process cannot be obtained at the present time and would decide either that the whole MINURSO operation should be phased out within a given time-frame or that the registration and identification process should be suspended but that a reduced United Nations military presence should be retained to encourage respect for the cease-fire.

5. Options A and C cover the period from 1 April to 31 December 1994, while option B covers the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994. A breakdown of the estimated costs by main categories of expenditure is provided, for information purposes, in the annex to the present report.

6. As regards options A and B, the full cost, including the strengthening of the operation, will amount to $108,313,000 for the nine-month period under option A and $14,234,400 for the three-month period under option B. The monthly cost under option B after 30 June 1994 will be $1,085,500. The cost for option C will total $7,429,500 for the nine-month period.

7. It would be my recommendation to the General Assembly that, should the Security Council decide to approve one of the proposed options, the costs relating thereto should be considered an expense of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and that the assessments to be levied on Member States be credited to the MINURSO special account.

Annex

Cost estimates for the extension of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

(Thousands of United States dollars)

		Option A 1 April to 31 December 94	Option B 1 April to 30 June 94	Option C 1 April to 31 December 94
1.	Military personnel costs	13 357.0	-	1 338.0
2.	Civilian personnel costs	12 809.1 a/	2 552.4 b/	1 895.0 c/
3.	Premises/accommodation	11 444.0	13.5	27.0
4.	Transport operations	7 448.5	542.7	137.0
5.	Air operations	12 169.3	-	2 142.5
6.	Communications	7 769.0	36.5	74.0
7.	Other equipment	3 995.0	553.3	55.0
8.	Supplies and services	1 515.5	29.7	174.8
9.	Election-related supplies and services	850.0	-	-
10.	Air and surface freight	5 200.0	15.0	1 100.0
11.	Support account for peace-keeping operations	633.4	191.6	161.2
12.	Staff assessment	1 379.1	385.4	325.0
	Total	78 569.9	4 320.1	7 429.5

a/ Provides for 103 international staff, 100 locally recruited staff and 150 United Nations volunteers.

b/ Provides for 73 international staff and 26 locally recruited staff.

c/ Provides for 15 international staff and 15 locally recruited staff.